Induction of buses in Delhi

716. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even before the issue of permits for plying buses in Delhi under STA Scheme, through draw of lots out of the applications lately called for, hundreds of buses have been placed on roads without going through the draw;

(b) if so, the number of buses so allowed to ply and under what scheme; and

(c) the reasons for inducting these buses when regular applications with huge amount of earnest money were pending for a draw?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Draw of lots for bus permits

717. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that draw of lots was held in the last week of May, 1992 for granting bus permits to Private bus operators;

(b) if so, what has been the results thereof;

(c) whether permits have since been issued to the successful operators; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Draw of lots for grant of 3000 stage carriage permits was held by Delhi Administration but permits have not been issued to the selected candidates in view of a pending writ petition.

Funds for National Highways in Rajasthan

718. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for improvement of National Highways with names in Rajasthan for the year 1992-93; and

(b) what are the new routes which are being converted into National Highways in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The following works have been sanctioned for improvement of National Highways in the State of Rajasthan during 1992-93 so far:

1. Construction of High Level Bridge and its approaches on Kalisindh river in Km. 346 of Jaipur-Jabalpur road (NH-12) for Rs. 687.78 lakhs.

2. Land acquisition in Sukher town from Km. 259.000 to 263.000 of Ajmer-Udaipur Road (NH-8) for Rs. 23.86 lakhs.

3. Reconstruction of weak culvert Km. 114/724 Beawar-Pali Section of NH.14 for Rs. 2.24 lakhs.

4. Upgradation and widening Km. 225.400 to 280.500 of Sirohi-Abu Road (NH-14) (World Bank Project)—Rs. 1149.00 lakhs.

(b) Various State Governments including the State Government of Rajasthan have forwarded a large number of proposals for declaration of new National Highways during the 8th Plan. To examine the proposals in detail with respect to the laid down criteria; the State Governments were requested to send information about each proposals in a prescribed proforma, bringing out the complete jus-